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Hello, Denise --

I'm writing you about how I hope you will vote on what appears to be an upcoming Council resolution regarding the discussion about the use of technology in relation to personal privacy and social justice.

My understanding is that a draft resolution is circulating, but that it has somehow been pushed in the direction of being a resolution aimed at one particular use or application of Hewlett-Packard (HP) technology.

I think that this push, which is in deference to an outside organization's efforts to take one side in the Middle East conflict, really derails our Cambridge discussion of how the City can move forward in those instances where companies like HP and others use technology for purposes that harm us or our freedoms.

HP, like other tech companies, is worldwide, but somehow the authors of the resolution have aimed it squarely at one what must be dozens of governments who use HP's technology. Because this country is Israel, and is deeply embroiled in complicated cross-cultural and military situations, the resolution is likely to polarize rather than unite social activists.

We need to move forward together to react to a number of instances where technologies developed in Cambridge or used by Cambridge government are being used here in the US and federal and state regulation can help guarantee our freedom and privacy. Israel should not be singled out from other nations, for example Russia, China, the Philippines, and many others who have flawed governments that misuse technology against their own people.

I hope that you will work to prevent this one-sided resolution, aimed at one small country, from being reported to the floor of the Council for a vote. If it does go forward, I urge you to vote against it.

I've attached an explanation in letter format that expresses my point of view. I am happy if you share it with other Councilors.

Respectfully,

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